

To whom it may concern-

My name is Chris Duke, and I am a student from Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington. I am writing today to express firstly disbelief and also disgust and outrage at the proposal to allow the EPA to allow the use of pesticides without consulting the Services as to the impact on endangered and threatened species. I cannot honestly see the benefit of such a proposal, it simply makes no sense.

The nation's industry should not be the ones influencing the "Well Being" of the nation, the idea that the survival of the nation's natural heritage and imperiled species can be comprimised in order to allow industries to use more pesticides that, in the end, harm humans anyway is simply idiocy. I implore the Bush Administration to please stop trying to weaken the nation's environmental protections, and I ask the EPA to stand up to what it is supposed to be, the Environmental PROTECTION Agency. Wildlife and plants are part of the environment, and if you can't be counted on to protect all the environment, then you should drop the façade and become another Army Corps of Engineers.

Disappointedly yours,  
Chris Duke